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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Waldemar HANS et al.
Serial No. : 09/762,665
Filed : April 18, 2001
For : A FUEL INJECTOR AND A METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING IT
Art Unit : 3752
Examiner : Christopher S. Kim

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application based on this Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Without prejudice, please amend the claims as follows:

14. (Amended) A fuel injector, comprising:
- a valve needle;
 - a fixed valve seat surface;
 - a valve-closure member that is actuated by the valve needle, wherein the valve-closure member cooperates with the fixed valve seat surface to form a sealing seat;
 - a connecting piece; and
 - a valve housing that at least partially encloses the connecting piece, the valve housing being joined to the connecting piece by a crimped connection, wherein:
 - the connecting piece includes at least one notch, and
 - the valve housing, under an axial stress, is crimped into the at least one notch.

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